

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1084

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A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Bill Sanderson for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those fellow legislators who performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office were dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their districts and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Bill Sanderson of Kenton is one such distinguished public servant who served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Representative Sanderson was a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Dyer, Lake, and Obion counties, and he served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, Bill Sanderson distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 77th House District, whom he served as a member of the 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, and 111th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, resigning from the House of Representatives on September 5, 2019, Bill Sanderson was a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always voted his conscience throughout his tenure; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process during his time in the General Assembly, Representative Sanderson rendered sterling service as chair of the House Department and Agencies Subcommittee, chair of the State Government Subcommittee, and member of the House State Government Committee, the House Judiciary

Committee, the House Agriculture Committee, the House Transportation Committee, the House Constitutional Protections and Sentencing Subcommittee, and the Joint Fiscal Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Sanderson has also been a member of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health and was recently appointed by Governor Bill Lee to serve on the Wine and Grape Board; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Representative Sanderson received the Tennessee Press Association Open Government Award and the Republican Party Statesman of the Year Award and was named Legislator of the Year by the County Trustee Association and the Northwest Tennessee Development District; and

WHEREAS, Representative Sanderson is a family man and community leader, and he has proven that citizens can make a difference by being involved in community service and leading by example; and

WHEREAS, a farmer, retailer, and viticulturist, Bill Sanderson obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Lambuth University in Jackson; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Representative Sanderson is a member of the Dyer County Chamber of Commerce, the Kenton Merchants Association, the Obion County Chamber of Commerce, the First State Bank Advisory Board, the Obion County Republican Party, the National Rifle Association, the Tennessee Firearms Association, Tennessee Farm Bureau, the Tennessee Viticulture Association, Union City Rotary, and Kappa Alpha Order Alumni; and

WHEREAS, Representative Bill Sanderson has also served as a member of the Kenton City Zoning and Appeal Board and as trustee of the Kenton Special School District; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a public servant, Representative Bill Sanderson worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, his many civic and professional accomplishments aside, Bill Sanderson is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Marjie, and their three children, Cerissa, Will, and Garrett; and

WHEREAS, Representative Bill Sanderson is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized for his exemplary tenure in the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Bill Sanderson for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 77th House District, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.